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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S DEC. 19 AND DEC 23 REMARKS ON ANGOLA

REF:

A. USIA CIRCULAR 31263

B. STATE 302323

1. REF CIRCULAR RECEIVED HERE DEC. 24. WHILE WE APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE DEPARTMENT AND USIA ATTACH TO SECRETARY'S REMARKS CONTAINED AF-60, WF OF DEC. 19, WE BELIEVE THAT SECRETARY'S DEC. 23 PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS ON ANGOLA WOULD HAVE GREATER AND MORE SALUTORY IMPACT HERE.

2. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, THERE IS NO USIA PRESENCE HERE, AND WE HAVE NOT YET, SINCE EMBASSY'S STATUS WAS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED ON DEC. 9, MADE DISTRIBUTION OF ANY AGENCY MATERIAL. NORMAL CHANNELS FOR SUCH DISTRIBUTION DO NOT EXIST HERE. ON ALL DEALINGS WITH ANY AGENCY OF GPRM, ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ARE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND ON ALL DEALINGS WITH MEDIA, WE ARE REQUIRED GO THROUGH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, WHERE MINISTER PERSONALLY APPROVES OR DISAPPROVES REQUESTS.

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3. AS DEPT AWARE, GPRM'S INTEREST IN THE POLICIES OF OTHER

COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY GREAT POWERS, IS GENERALLY LIMITED TO THEIR RELATIONS WITH AND ATTITUDES TOWARD "PROGRESSIVE FORCES" IN GENERAL, BUT ESPECIALLY TOWARD FRELIMO, MPLA AND OTHER FORMER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN EX-PORTUGUESE COLONIES. THUS, WHILE SECRETARY'S REMARKS REF A COVER, VERY BRIEFLY, HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD AFRICA, ON WHICH SECRETARY'S THOUGHTS ARE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL DEVELOPED IN ACCOUNT OF HIS DEC. 23 PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. IN VIEW BOTH STRICT LIMITATIONS ON OUR DISTRIBUTION OF RMATERIAL HERE, AND DESIRABILITY OF BRINGING OUR SIDE OF ANGOLA DEBATE TO ATTENTION OF HIGHEST LEVELS OF GPRM, WE ARE CONTEMPLATING SENDING TRANSLATED TEXT OF DEC. 23 PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS UNDER COVER OF THIRD PERSON NOTES TO BOTH FOREIGN AND INFORMATION MINISTRIES. WHILE WE COULD NOT EXPECT REMARKS WOULD BE PUBLISHED OR OTHERWISE USED BY MEDIA, WE COULD BE FAIRLY WELL ASSURED THAT THEY WOULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF RANKING OFFICIALS OF FRELIMO AND GPRM, PROBABLY INCLUDING PRESIDENT MACHEL.

5. ON OTHER HJAND, WE WOULD NOT WISH OVERLOAD CIRCUIT AND DETRACT FROM IMPACT OF SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION. WE THEREFORE REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SUBSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS HIS DEC. 23 PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS AS CARRIED STATE 302323 FOR HIS REMARKS CONTAINED AF-60 OF DEC. 19 IN ANY PRESENTATIONS WE MIGHT MAKE TO GPRM.
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